



TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

August 2005

Yard Sale Reminder

Each household in town may hold two yard sales per year. No permit is required. Two advertising signs, no larger than four square feet each, may be displayed on the property where the sale takes place, and four directional signs, no larger than two square feet each, may be placed on other private property with the owner's permission. Signs may not be exhibited more than two days prior to the start of the sale. Signs are not permitted on public property, in the public right-of-way (10 feet from the curb or edge of pavement) or on utility poles. Illegally placed signs will be removed. For more information or to report violations, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

Calendar Deadline September 1

Attention Vienna non-profit organizations! September 1 is the deadline to submit information about your community events for next year to be published in the 2006 Town Calendar. Address calendar items to the Public Information Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180, fax 703-255-5722, or e-mail pio@ci.vienna.va.us.

NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

Vienna Listed in Money Magazine's Top 10 "Best Places to Live"

Money Magazine has selected the Town of Vienna as one of the top ten "Best Places to Live" in the United States for 2005. Vienna ranked number four behind Moorestown, NJ, Bainbridge Island, WA, and Naperville, IL. Following Vienna on the list were Louisville, CO, Barrington, RI, Middleton, WI, Peachtree City, GA, Chatham, NJ, and Mill Valley, CA.

The magazine staff spent months looking for great American towns. They began by considering only those with a population above 14,000 and with above-median household income, population growth and real estate appreciation over the past 5 years. Those restrictions led to a list of 1,321 places.

From there, they eliminated places that aren't within 60 miles of a major airport and 30 miles of a major teaching hospital. They also eliminated towns with low education scores and those falling below the 25th percentile in any two of the following: unemployment, income growth, crime or arts resources.

That left 100 towns, which were ranked, with economic, education and safety factors weighing twice as much as arts, leisure and park space. Each metropolitan area was limited to one or two places.

To pick the winners, more data were culled on education, environment, housing affordability, taxes, commute times and job market. Magazine writers also interviewed residents and community leaders. Here's a portion of what they wrote about Vienna:

"Much of bustling Fairfax County feels like it was built last week. Not Vienna, a much prized piece of ground in the Civil War. An active historical society is run out of the antebellum Freeman House, which served as a makeshift Civil War hospital and later as a post office, a general store and a train depot. Kids can even attend a summer history camp.

"Today, Vienna is valued for its jobs and schools. Median income is more than \$110,000, and IBM, Capital One and AOL are among dozens of big-name companies with large operations in the area. And D.C. and federal employment are just 12 miles away.

"Unfortunately, jobs outnumber houses. Result: Over the past five years, the median home price in Vienna has nearly doubled. Older homes can be had for \$500,000, but new construction goes for north of \$700,000. On the plus side, property taxes aren't bad and the local high school consistently ranks among the country's best."

Three other Virginia jurisdictions ranked in the top 100 communities: Yorktown (#33), Midlothian (#37) and Charlottesville (#90).

For more information about Money Magazine's Best Places to Live survey, visit <http://money.cnn.com/best/bplive>.



TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

MAY 9, 2005

- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2005-2006.
- Conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town Code to bring it into conformance with Virginia law regulating vicious and dangerous dogs.
- Approved the purchase of a computer aided dispatch, law enforcement records management and mobile data system from MobilTec International at a total cost of \$260,503.01. Approved the purchase of computer hardware and software for the system at a total cost of \$122,404.51.
- Approved site plan modifications for placement of a 10-classroom modular building near the southerly property line of Louise Archer Elementary School.
- Awarded a bid for building materials for the Beulah Road mulch site sound

barrier to Dale Lumber Co. at a price of \$38,851.04.

- Approved a one-year contract extension with Mount Vernon Asphalt for asphalt repair in the estimated amount of \$38,360.
- Approved a one-year contract extension with Whitman, Requardt & Associates for engineering services.
- Awarded a bid for work on the Nutley Street, Frederick Street and Wall Street water tanks to George Kountoupes Painting Co. at a price of \$42,850.
- Approved a one-year contract extension with R.J. Merkel for traffic marking in the estimated amount of \$40,000.
- Approved a two-year contract extension with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for auditing services.

MAY 16, 2005

- Conducted a closed session for the

annual review of the Town Manager, Town Attorney and Town Clerk.

MAY 23, 2005

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions, and to discuss the Town Attorney's annual compensation.
- Approved a donation of \$250 to the Vienna League Baseball Foundation to assist in constructing a permanent structure at Yeonas Park in honor of Fred Crabtree.
- Approved the final plat for a three-lot subdivision on the easternmost corner of Ayito Road and Redwood Drive, S.E.
- Approved the final plat and modifications to curb, gutter, sidewalk and storm drainage requirements for a two-lot subdivision on the southwest corner of McHenry and Fardale Streets, S.E.
- Approved continued participation with Fairfax County in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development block grant and home investment partnership programs for fiscal years 2006-2008.
- Approved renewal of the tree maintenance and removal contract with Quality Tree Care in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

- Renewed the contract with Silver Communications Corp. for printing of the quarterly Parks and Recreation brochure in an amount not to exceed \$12,892.65.

- Approved a supplemental appropriation to roll forward from last fiscal year the balance of a purchase order issued to Siemens Business Communications for phone system upgrades in the amount of \$50,104.

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
 FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@ci.vienna.va.us
 Deadline for September issue is Monday, August 15.

Comment from the Council Table

"McMansions" Cause for Concern

By Edythe Frankel Kelleher
Vienna Town Councilwoman

How exciting! Money magazine named Vienna the fourth best place to live in the country. But there is growing concern about the "McMansionization" of Vienna. Can our neighborhoods be renovated and redeveloped without damaging the charm that makes Vienna such a desirable place to live? Can more restrictions be placed that are allowed under the Code of Virginia, which leans toward private property rights?

In some ways, Vienna is already more restrictive on residential development than other local jurisdictions. Vienna limits impervious lot coverage to 25%; Arlington County has a 56% limit (for buildings and driveways only) and is considering new limits, while Fairfax County has no limit at all.

According to Sakura Namioka, an Arlington County Planner, there were so many concerns about further limiting lot coverage that the approach has been softened. Instead of applying one limit to all zoning districts, the lot's size would determine the limit on a sliding scale from 56% to 35%. Because many existing homes would be in violation of the new restriction, it would apply only to new construction and substantial additions. Still, Ms. Namioka noted that a home covering 40% of an 8,000 square foot lot would seem quite large compared to a home covering 40% of a 5,000 square foot lot.

Vienna limits building height to 35 feet, from the finished grade to the peak of the roof, but Fairfax and Arlington Counties allow taller homes by measuring 35 feet to the roof's midpoint. Montgomery County, Maryland, measures height from the curb, resulting in a more even appearance from the street. But, because this creates inequities based on whether the lot is a hill or a valley, Montgomery is considering changing to measuring from the lot's grade, according to recent Washington Post reports.

Lorrie Kirst, Fairfax County's Deputy Zoning Administrator for the Zoning Ordinance Branch, reports that, since the Board of Supervisors endorsed the staff's

Infill Study in 2001, several of the study's recommendations have been adopted. New requirements for stormwater management and tree preservation are intended to preserve neighborhood character, although under Virginia law these requirements apply only to subdivisions, not new homes on existing lots. (Vienna already uses these provisions.)

Trying to make new construction more compatible with existing Fairfax County homes has been more challenging. Ms. Kirst says that instituting a lot coverage limit would maximize green space while restricting impervious surface and building bulk. However, it would create many nonconforming (or "grandfathered") residences. This would mean great hardship for existing homeowners who wanted to make even minor modifications.

Another method under consideration in Fairfax County is the creation of Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Districts. These would be rezonings requested by communities, and could include provisions such as lower building height and square footage restrictions. But the method requires a change to Virginia law. In addition, since they would be rezonings, if some property owners did not agree, the district would have "holes" where the new restrictions would not apply.

Under current Virginia law, any neighborhood could impose its own restrictions, through deed covenants, but



Councilwoman Kelleher

these would be private contracts not enforceable by government. A homeowners association (HOA) could revise its covenants with a two-thirds majority vote, but a neighborhood not covered by an HOA would need to obtain the agreement of every individual homeowner, a time-consuming proposition.

Considering the dilemmas faced by other jurisdictions, Vienna is fortunate to have had stricter limits in place for many years. Our current regulations try to strike a balance between economic vibrancy and neighborhood character, and we should monitor the efforts of others to determine if additional regulations would have a positive influence on residential development in Vienna.

Historic Vienna Seeks Old Photos

Do you have old pictures of people, places or events from Vienna? Then Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI) is looking for you! If you have photographs to donate or lend, please contact HVI, 703-938-5187, or Jean Johnston, Patrick Henry Library Branch Manager, 703-938-0405. Photos can be scanned and returned.

The photos will be displayed as part of Vienna's "Virginia 2007" community celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown in 1607. Jamestown was the first permanent settlement in the New World for what was to become the United States.

The Virginia 2007 committee meets regularly, usually at 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave., W. All interested residents, businesses and community organizations are invited to attend. For more information, contact chairman Paul Snodgrass at 703-938-5187 or e-mail hviadmin@ci.vienna.va.us.

Budget Adopted for FY 2005-2006

The Town's adopted budget for fiscal year 2005-2006, which began July 1, totals \$25,971,748 for all funds, an increase of \$1,605,538 or 6.1% over last year.

The budget is based on a real estate tax rate of 22¢, a reduction of 16.98% from last year's tax rate. This means is that if a property's assessment has increased by 20% or less, there will be a reduction in the property tax due the Town. If the assessment has increased by 25%, as an example, the total tax due the Town would increase by 3.8%.

A major problem for this fiscal year occurs in the Water and Sewer Fund, where the Town is faced with substantial increases both in the price of purchased water and for sewage treatment. These price increases necessitated a significant rate increase in both water and sewer service charges. For town residents, the water rate has increased from \$2.83 to \$3.33 per 1,000 gallons and the sewer rate from \$3.57 to \$4.45 per 1,000 gallons. Overall, a town resident will pay an additional \$104.88 per year or just over 28¢ per day for water and sewer service based on a quarterly average use of 19,000 gallons.

A "Budget in Brief" summary is shown below. For more information about the budget or to obtain printed copies, contact the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

FY 2005-06 BUDGET IN BRIEF

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

Property Tax	\$ 6,740,462
(22¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation)	
Public Service Taxes	90,000
Penalties & Interest	22,500
Other Local Taxes	6,049,200
Permits, Fees & Licenses	50,900
Fines & Forfeitures	275,000
Use of Money & Property	222,245
Park & Recreation Fees	529,500
Special Services Fees	9,700
Miscellaneous Revenues	76,000
Non-categorical Aid	481,949
Categorical Aid	1,262,144
State Grants	20,000
Interfund Transfers	898,000
Use of Prior Year Reserves	600,000
TOTAL	\$17,327,600

EXPENDITURES

Legislative	\$ 628,696
Administration	1,422,733
Finance Department	1,097,405
Police Department	4,756,656
Public Works Department	5,617,691
Tax Relief	232,870
Parks & Recreation Department	2,294,793
Planning & Zoning Department	571,392
Reserves & Transfers	248,583
PC Replacement	109,000
Equipment Replacement	347,781
TOTAL	\$17,327,600

WATER & SEWER FUND

REVENUES

Use of Money	\$ 50,100
Water & Sewer Charges	5,658,613
Miscellaneous Revenues	18,000
Use of Prior Year	
Retained Earnings	250,000
TOTAL	\$5,976,713

EXPENDITURES

Operations & Maintenance	\$4,182,151
Meter Maintenance & Reading	326,616
Billing/Customer Service	153,677
Transfers	1,195,383
Equipment Replacement	118,886
TOTAL	\$5,976,713

DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES

Other Local Taxes	\$2,328,000
Use of Money	42,052
Interfund Transfers	297,383
TOTAL	\$2,667,435

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Costs	\$ 600
Debt Service	2,145,970
Reserves	520,865
TOTAL	\$2,667,435

TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$25,971,748

Council Action . . .

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- Adopted amendments to the Town Code to bring it into conformance with Virginia law regulating vicious and dangerous dogs.

- Adopted amendments to the Town Code to conform with changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

JUNE 6, 2005

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

- Following a public hearing, set the water and sewer rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005. (Approved 5-1, Keller voting nay, Verinder absent.)

- Awarded a contract for medical services for Town employees to Inova Health Services, with payment of up to \$12,900 in fiscal year 2005-06.

- Approved a maintenance agreement with Siemens ICN for the Town's telecommunications and phone mail systems in the amount of \$13,758.04.

- Adopted the Town budget and set tax rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005.

- Approved a request by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission that each member jurisdiction submit a letter to the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission requesting an additional hearing in Northern Virginia.

Yard Waste Reminder

The Public Works Department reminds residents that leaves and grass clippings must be bagged for pickup. Trash collection crews will take a maximum of 10 bags (including regular trash) per residence each collection day. Heavy bags of grass are very difficult for the crews to lift, so please remember there is a 40-pound weight limit per bag. Please do not dump leaves and grass in drainage ditches.

Help Prevent Runoff Pollution

Urban landscaping typically covers the ground with impervious surfaces such as pavement and buildings. These impervious surfaces generate stormwater runoff every time it rains. (A typical city block generates nine times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size!)

When rainfall washes across the land surfaces, the initial flush of runoff can carry high concentrations of pollutants such as excess lawn fertilizers and pesticides, and bacteria from animal waste, to nearby waterways. Pollution washed from the land surface by rainfall is called nonpoint source pollution.

You can help prevent nonpoint source pollution in many ways. Some examples are:

- Apply pesticides according to instructions on the label.
- Collect litter and animal waste before they wash into storm drains.
- Recycle grass clippings and leaves by mulching or composting.
- **Never** dump oil or any other material into a storm drain.
- Direct roof runoff onto a grassy area. Roof drains should not be connected to a sanitary or storm sewer system.
- Watch for soil erosion around your home. Seed, install sod or plant ground cover to protect the site.
- Use porous surfaces such as flagstone, gravel, stone, and interlocking pavers rather than concrete and asphalt.

VIENNA SHARES ITS FISHY KEY CHAIN

– Many town residents carry one of the Town's environmental awareness key chains in the shape of a fish (shown at right), a crab or a frog. The key chains, designed by Town Engineer Holly Chu, are available free of charge at Town Hall. The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services liked the idea so much that it recently produced its own key chain using an adaption of Vienna's fish mascot.



Vienna Names in the News

Congratulations to the **James Madison High School girls' softball team** for their wins at this year's district and regional championships. The dedication, skill, team spirit and hard work of everyone involved have made the Warhawks the most successful Group AAA girls' high school softball program in state history.

Town resident **Rena Baker** has been named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia. She has volunteered for over 34 years with the Literacy Council, a non-profit educational organization that recruits and trains volunteers to tutor adults in basic reading, writing and English speaking skills.

"CRITTER-PROOF" YOUR TRASH – Please make sure your trash cans are tightly covered so that rats, crows and other "critters" cannot get inside and scatter trash through the neighborhood. Did you know? Adding ammonia to trash bags before placing them at the curbside for pickup will help control odors and discourage animals and birds from tearing into the bags.



Christopher Weigand of Yeonas Drive, S.W., won the raffle for a toy truck at the Public Works Department's open house held in May at the Northside property yard. Miles Bowen, also of Yeonas Drive, S.W., and Jenny Karl of James Drive, S.W., each won a goldfish in a bowl.

Photo Red Light Program Ends

The Virginia General Assembly terminated the photo red light camera enforcement program in Vienna and several other jurisdictions effective July 1. As a result, the Town's Police Department budget will reflect a reduction in costs associated with the program, reinforcing the Town's long-standing position that Vienna was not participating in this enforcement program as a money-making activity but rather as a matter of public safety.

Since Vienna began using the video cameras in 1999, over 13,000 citations have been processed, but in all but one of those years, the cost to operate the program has exceeded the revenue received from violators.

A report on red light cameras issued by the Virginia Transportation Research Council early this year found a significant decrease in the number of crashes directly related to red light running in Vienna. At the Maple Avenue/Follin Lane intersection, for example, the total number of crashes fell from 20 in 1999 to 9 in 2003.

Red light runners caused almost 5,000 crashes in Virginia in 2003, resulting in 18 deaths and more than 3,800 injuries.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

*For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.
All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Vienna Youth Players will present the musical "Godspell" August 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and August 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

Quarterly coin and stamp show August 6 and 7. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. About 15 stamp dealers and 45 coin dealers will participate. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Coin Club. For information, call Darren M. Coker at 703-532-6640.

Concert on the lawn of the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Hear the sounds of the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 12. Free of charge; bring a chair or blanket for seating.

Enjoy a favorite family movie outdoors at Glyndon Park on Friday, August 26, beginning at dusk (around 8:45 p.m.). Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Parents are required to stay with their children during the movie. For information on which G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on August 24 and for weather information on the day of the show.

FITNESS & SPORTS

Adult co-ed fall kickball league begins September 11. Doubleheader games will be played at Southside Park on Sundays beginning at 9 a.m. The fee of \$200 per team includes umpires, equipment and awards. The league is limited to 12 teams, which will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Active for Life® is designed to help healthy but less active adults age 50 and older increase physical activity. This free program emphasizes incorporating 5-, 10- and 15-minute "short doses" of moderately intensive physical activity throughout an individual's daily routine. The pro-

gram will be held on Thursdays, September 22-February 9, from 1 to 2 p.m. Pre-screening by phone is required; call the Active for Life Center at 703-807-5855.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Club Phoenix features a big screen TV, jukebox, CD player, X-Box, PlayStation 2, pool and ping pong tables and more. Summer hours for high school students are 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, for middle school students, 3 to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 3 to 10 p.m. Friday, and for 6th graders 3 to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Open to all grades with half-price snacks on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Summer break . . . Club Phoenix will be closed August 22-September 5.

BUS TRIPS

See the Baltimore Orioles play the Boston Red Sox at Camden Yards on Saturday, September 24. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at noon, giving participants time to visit Baltimore's Inner Harbor before the 4:35 p.m. game time. The cost of \$50 for town residents includes transportation and game ticket in the lower reserve outfield seating.

Spend the day at the U.S. Open tennis tournament at Arthur Ashe Stadium in Flushing, NY, on Saturday, September 10. Leave the Community Center at 5 a.m. and return around midnight. The cost of \$137 for town residents includes transportation and an all-day upper promenade ticket to see both men's semifinal matches. Registration deadline August 31.

Spies and Lies of Washington, a guided bus tour and visit to the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC, is scheduled for Friday, September 16. Leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Gary Powers, Jr., is the special tour guide. The cost of \$58 for town residents includes transportation and museum entry fee. Lunch is on your own at Union Station.

Registration for town residents begins August 6 for a Civil War tour to Brandy Station, sponsored by Vienna Parks & Recreation and Historic Vienna, Inc. The tour is scheduled for Friday, October 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fee of \$80 for town residents includes transportation, description of the 1863 Battle of Brandy Station by tour guide Virginia Morton, author of *Marching Through Culpeper*, lunch at the Inn at Kelly's Ford and a final stop at the Graffiti House, a Civil War hospital that contains a display of wartime graffiti.

JUST FOR KIDS

Summer sports camps scheduled for August include horseback riding, fencing, golf, tennis, basketball, baseball, dance team training and an all sports sampler. Call for information on dates and fees for each camp.

POTPOURRI

Auditions for the Vienna Theatre Company's fall production, "Death Trap," will be held August 8 and 9 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Halloween parade applications will be accepted beginning in mid-August. Forms will be available at the Community Center, at the Town's Web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us or by calling 703-255-6360.

Discount tickets to Kings Dominion, Busch Gardens and Six Flags amusement parks are available at the Community Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Checks only are accepted payable to "Town of Vienna." Busch Gardens Good Any Day tickets will be available beginning August 1.

Congratulations to the winners of the July 4th antique and classic car show: 1st place - Ed Gurney, 1929 Ford Model A, and 2nd place - Robert Juenger, 1970 Corvette Roadster

Theatre Co. Needs Backstage Volunteers

If you can sew a hem or pound a nail, the theater needs you. The Vienna Theatre Company (VTC), sponsored by the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation, has announced its repertoire for the 2005-06 season. It will open in October with "Deathtrap," followed by "Enchanted April" in January, and will close with a VTC tradition, the musical "1776," which the company has performed every ten years since its founding in 1976.

There will be many opportunities to help with this season's productions, especially for those who can do basic carpentry and sewing. In addition, there is always a need for backstage workers. For more information or to volunteer, call 703-978-7818 or e-mail vtcshows@yahoo.com.

Dogs Must Be Leashed

Dog owners are reminded that it is against the law to let dogs run at large on public or private property (with the exception of the Vienna Dog Park, see article below). Dogs must be restrained by a dependable leash and controlled by a responsible person when off the property of the owner. Dogs found running at large may be picked up by the Animal Warden, and owners charged with dog-at-large violations must appear in court. Fines increase with each offense to a maximum of \$250.

The Town of Vienna also has a "pooper scooper" ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their pets when out for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner and don't allow your dog to foul the lawns of neighbors. *Tip: The plastic sleeves used on newspapers make excellent pooper scoopers!*

Signs are posted in several Town parks to remind pet owners that dogs are not allowed on athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds and picnic areas because of the nuisance and potential health hazard to park users. The Town Animal Warden is authorized to fine pet owners found in violation of these laws.

"Vienna Dogs" Invites You to the Park

The Vienna Dog Park is located at Moorefield Park, 700 Courthouse Rd., S.W., just off Nutley Street and adjacent to Fairfax County's Nottoway Park. The off-leash dog exercise area is enclosed by a chain link fence five feet high. The site includes benches, "doggie bag" dispensers and waste receptacles, and a source of water for the dogs.

The park is open daily from 7 a.m. until dark and its use controlled by rules posted on-site, including requirements that handlers must be at least 16 years old, maximum of two dogs per handler, handlers must "scoop the poop" and fill in any holes dug by their dogs, and no food (except doggie treats).

The Vienna Dog Park Association ("Vienna Dogs") is the sponsoring group for the park. Additionally, Vienna Dogs, an all-volunteer association that promotes responsible dog ownership, works with the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department to aid in park maintenance and provides social activities for dog owners.

For more information, visit www.viennadogs.org, or call 703-204-0399 or the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.



"Project Lifesaver" Brings Loved Ones Home Safely

Project Lifesaver, sponsored by the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, is a program that assists individuals with Alzheimer's disease, Down syndrome, autism, and related diseases and disabilities. Using state-of-the-art technology and a specially trained search and rescue team, the program locates wandering adults and children and returns them to their families and caregivers.

Project Lifesaver clients wear a personalized wristband that emits a silent tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. The signal can be tracked on the ground or from the air over several miles. Since each wristband has a unique frequency, the Project Lifesaver search team can quickly locate a person who has wandered away from home.

The Project Lifesaver team comprises over 100 volunteers from within the Sheriff's Office, both sworn deputies and civilian staff members, who are trained and certified in electronic search and rescue. The technology used has reduced search times from hours and days to minutes.

To enter someone in the Project Lifesaver program, the following requirements must be met:

1. The client must be a resident of Fairfax County, Fairfax City, or the Towns of Vienna or Herndon.
2. The client must have a legally responsible caregiver willing to place the client in the program.
3. Clients and caregivers must abide by the conditions of the program and contract.
4. Complete the application process.

For more information, contact the Project Lifesaver coordinator at 703-246-2805 or write to: Project Lifesaver, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, 10520-B Judicial Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030.

Individuals, organizations and businesses are needed to help fund and maintain this program for those who cannot afford it. To make a tax-deductible donation, contact the Project Lifesaver coordinator.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Vienna Stars tryouts for 10U, 12U and 14U select fastpitch travel teams will be held August 18, 21, 24 and 27 at Caffi Field next to the Vienna Community Center. For details, visit www.viennastars.com or call Cathy Rollins at 703-591-9585. The Vienna Stars are also looking for experienced coaches for all age groups 10U through 18U.

Northern Virginia Senior Softball seeks men age 50+ and women age 40+ for Fall Ball, a September-October slow-pitch 28-game season. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Fairfax County fields beginning September 6. Players are assigned to teams according to their skill levels. Everyone bats! For more information, call Dave, 703-524-5576, or Joyce, 703-860-1876, or visit www.nvss.org.

Your old magazines and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter.

Regular donors may leave boxed or bagged publications at the usual location on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *only*. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

Vienna Woman's Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and wishes to thank the Town of Vienna and the Parks and Recreation Department for the many years of support that have enabled the club to raise over \$100,000 for scholarship awards. Applications are now being accepted for the club's 45th annual Harvest Bazaar, which will be held November 12 at the Vienna Community Center. For information and an application, call 703-620-2593 or 703-352-3057.

Vienna Arts Society Gallery, located in the Village Green Shopping Center, is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The current show through August 20 is "Of Man and Nature," featuring VAS member Gloria Mangoba. For more in-

formation, visit www.viennaartssociety.org or call 703-319-3220. The Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., is hosting a Retro/Funk exhibit through August 27. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit the Web site or call 703-319-3971.

Vienna's red caboose on Church Street will be open to the public on Saturday, August 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. courtesy of the Optimist Club of Vienna.

Annual 5K Turkey Trot, sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees, is scheduled for 8 a.m. Sunday, November 13, beginning at the Vienna Community Center. The registration fee is \$16 and proceeds benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. To register, visit www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1232692.

FAAN Walk for Food Allergies – Moving Toward a Cure, sponsored by the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 10, at Fairfax Corner near the County Government Center. Information and registration packets are available at www.foodallergy.org or call 1-800-929-4040.

Breakfast buffet, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 of Vienna, will be held on Sunday, August 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Post home, 330 Center St., N. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information, call Martha Hatter at 703-242-7461.

Vienna Farmers' Market behind Town Hall is open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, cut flowers and potted plants, fresh baked breads and pastries, kettle corn, fresh eggs, jams and jellies, and much more. For information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

Farmers' Market at Nottoway Park is open every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with fruits and vegetables, baked goods, plants, cheese, eggs, natural Angus beef, chocolates and other offerings. A Plant Clinic is open from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 703-591-2988.

Invest in a Memory!

Become an entertainment sponsor for the 59th annual Vienna Halloween Parade! This new opportunity will help to maintain the parade's excellent level of entertainment. Thrill your friends, kids, grandkids, office mates or potential clients by putting your name (or theirs!) in front of 35,000 parade watchers.

Your sponsorship of an individual parade entry will include:

- **A personalized banner to carry in the parade – and to keep!**
- **Inclusion in the emcee's announcement about your entry**
- **A framed print commemorating the event**
- **Recognition by Vienna Town Council at its November meeting**
- **Public thanks in the Town of Vienna newsletter and the Vienna-Tyson Regional Chamber of Commerce *Enterprise***

For info, call Claire Liston at 703-281-1333.

Donations for wounded service men and women hospitalized in Iraq are still needed by the American Red Cross. Most-requested items include magazines; CDs; men's and women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, sport shorts and flip-flops/shower shoes; towels, sheets and pillow cases; stationery and pens; and toiletry items. Town residents may drop off donations at Vienna American Legion Post 180, ATTN: Joyce, 330 Center St., N.

Day lily sale Saturday, August 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Named varieties will be priced at \$4 each and unnamed varieties at \$2. The park admission fee is waived for the sale. At 10 a.m. Saturday, August 13, horticulturist Tammy Burke will discuss copper trellises and garden vines. The fee is \$5 and reservations are required. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road near the Dulles Access Road. For more information, call 703-255-3631.

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club, serving the Washington metro area, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 15, at the Dunn Loring fire station, 2148 Gallows Rd. Guest speaker Dr. William D. Tyrrell, Jr., from Chesapeake Veterinary Cardiology Associates will focus on heart problems, both inherent and acquired, to which shelties are prone. Dogs are welcome at the meeting. For more information, visit www.shetlandsheepdog.us.

Whimsical fashion show will be presented by the Totally Eccentric Adventurous Red Hatters of Vienna, VA, at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 17, at the Vienna Community Center. The cost is \$23 per person. Send a check to Joy Holland, Box 144, 12922 Yates Ford Rd., Clifton, VA 20124. Reservation deadline is September 7.

Vienna Girls Softball League walk-in registration for the fall season will be held on Saturday, August 13, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Vienna Community Center. Mail-in forms are available at www.VGSL.org. Divisions are coach pitch, 10U, 12U, and 13 and above.



The Rotary Club of Vienna recently presented its "Service Above Self" awards to honor those who have made a significant contribution to our community. Pictured left to right are Awards Chairman George Creed; business award winner Cindy Bovell, an employee of a local dental practice; Mayor Jane Seeman; Rotary Club President Woody Bentley; Vienna Police Senior Dispatcher Ruth Rohr; Town Manager John Schoeberlein; Town Councilwoman Maud Robinson; and Vienna Volunteer Fire Department member Gene Jacob.

VVFD Receives \$50,000 State Grant to Assist in Fire Station Renovations

The new Virginia State budget that took effect on July 1 includes a \$50,000 grant approved by the General Assembly to provide financial assistance to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) for the major renovations of the Vienna fire station (Station 2). Delegate Steve Shannon, who represents the greater Vienna-Oakton area, sponsored this budget amendment.

"The Vienna volunteers have a long and illustrious record of service to the residents of the 35th District that includes the Town of Vienna and surrounding areas. They have labored creatively to fund the modernization of the local fire station, and I believed the state should provide its fair share," Shannon said.

The 1958 community firehouse owned by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department is a fixture in the center of Vienna and is the third home of the 102-year old department. Realizing the cost to build a new station was prohibitive, fire department volunteers made the decision in 2000 to renovate and expand the existing facility. The total project cost was set at \$3.5 million. The first phase of the renovation project, completed in 2002, involved a new facade and higher emergency vehicle apparatus doors. Renovations under Phase II in 2004 involved installing fire sprinklers and building a new fire escape stairwell and public restroom. The final phase, costing \$2.8 million and started early this year, includes expanding and upgrading the operational living quarters for both career and volunteer staff, new administrative offices, a completely renovated community hall and new training space.

With the help of the Vienna community, the volunteers have raised and spent over the past several years more than \$700,000 for approved architectural plans and the first two phases of the fire station renovations. In addition to the State grant of \$50,000, the balance of the \$2.8 million in construction costs for the final and largest phase currently underway has or is being raised through grants and contributions from Fairfax County, the Town of Vienna, the federal government and the ongoing Vienna Fire Station Capital Campaign.

To contribute to VVFD's Capital Campaign, send a check to: Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Capital Campaign Committee, P.O. Box 1061, Vienna, VA 22183. For more information, visit www.vvfd.org.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in June:

Vienna Barbers
barber shop
159 Glyndon St., S.E.
703-938-7297

Marcon Consulting
consultant
129 Park St., N.E., #B
703-242-1104

Clear View Homes
contractor
210 Talahi Rd., S.E.
703-749-7320

Enshin Karate of Virginia
martial art instructor
228 Dominion Rd., N.E.
703-281-5425

Town Jewelers
jewelry sales & repairs
209 Maple Ave., E.
703-255-7170

***Convenient Location & Friendly Service
SHOP IN VIENNA
Support Our Hometown Merchants***

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in August: *20 years* – Appletree II, Hareff Trust, Personal Investigations, Richard J. Dellork, DDS, The Promas Landlord Software Center; *10 years* – Harold E. Johnson, Study Works Florida.



Protect Yourself Against Lyme Disease

**A Summer Tip from Your
Community Enhancement Commission**

You don't have to go hiking in the woods to be at risk for Lyme disease. Even in our area, it can be contracted right in our own yards, especially if deer are present. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends these personal protection measures:

- If you are going to be in areas that are tick infested, wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can be spotted more easily and removed before becoming attached. Wearing long-sleeved shirts and tucking pants into socks or boot tops may help keep ticks from reaching your skin. Ticks are usually located close to the ground, so wearing high rubber boots may provide additional protection.
- The risk of tick attachment can also be reduced by applying insect repellents containing DEET (n,n-diethyl-m toluamide) to clothes and exposed skin, and applying permethrin (which kills ticks on contact) to clothes. DEET can be used safely on children and adults but should be applied according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines to reduce the possibility of toxicity.

The early diagnosis and proper antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease are important to avoid the costs and complications of infection. For more information, call the Lyme disease hotline, 1-800-886-LYME, or visit Fairfax County's Lyme disease information page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/hd/westnile/wnvlyme.htm.

NEW TOOL FOR TICK MANAGEMENT – A pest management professional installs a Maxforce® Tick Management System bait box in a landscaped area near a home. Seventy-five percent of Lyme disease cases are contracted within 100 feet of the home. Developed by Bayer Environmental Science in conjunction with scientists from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Maxforce has been shown to reduce the deer tick population on home properties 80% after one year, and 96% after two years. For more information, visit www.maxforcetms.com or call 1-800-331-2867.

Sewer Backups Are Expensive! Backup Insurance Is Not!

All insurance companies writing homeowner policies in Virginia offer special coverage for damage resulting from backups of drains and sewers, and this additional protection is available at very reasonable rates. For information on obtaining sewer backup coverage, contact your insurance company. The Town's insurance carrier rarely approves claims resulting from sewer backups unless negligence in maintaining the system can be shown. Therefore, residents are encouraged to protect their property by obtaining sewer backup insurance.

If you experience a problem with clogged sewer lines in your home, call the Public Works Department, 703-255-6381, before you call a commercial sewer cleaning service; you may save yourself the price of a service call. A public works crew will check out the main sewer line and, if the obstruction occurs there, will clean it out at no charge to you.

To help prevent sewer backups, the Public Works Department cleans the main sewer lines whenever residents notify the department that their service laterals have been rodded by a commercial sewer cleaning service. Pressure cleaning to remove material washed into the main sewer line from the service lateral may help prevent future blockage of the main line. If you have your sewer service lateral cleaned, please call the Public Works Department.

The discharge of anything other than waste and toilet paper through residential sewers can cause a stoppage in the house line or in the main sewer, resulting in property damage. Items that should **never** be flushed down toilets include disposable diapers, paper towels and sanitary napkins. These and other non-fluid items should be disposed of with the regular trash.

Flood Insurance – The Town of Vienna participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which covers direct losses caused by surface flooding, including local drainage problems. Copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map are available for review in the Department of Public Works. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

AUGUST 1995 – A “Vienna-Madison Community Coalition” is being formed to address the presence of alcohol, drugs and violence among Vienna area youth. The coalition includes representatives from Madison High School, Thoreau Middle School and the nine elementary schools that feed into them; area churches; civic organizations; businesses and local government. The coalition is funded through the Safe and Drug Free Schools Act to create a proactive school-community partnership.

AUGUST 1985 – The newly formed Town/Business Liaison Committee has established a meeting schedule and rules governing its proceedings. The committee was created by the Town Council “to study, analyze, evaluate and offer recommendations to the Town Council on matters of public policy which in any way may affect the Town’s business community or the relationship of the business community to other segments of the town.”

AUGUST 1975 – The historic residence of the famous colonial religious freedom fighter Jeremiah Moore has been conveyed to the Town by DeLuca Enterprises. DeLuca had earlier conveyed some 11 acres of land adjacent to Nottoway Park to the Town. Slated for the remaining section of the tract are 150 townhouses.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

Visit the Town’s Web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us

“Tip & Toss” Water to Fight West Nile

The most effective way to eliminate the mosquitoes around your home that may carry the West Nile virus is to tip and toss the standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs. Common problem areas and ways to correct them are:

- Roof gutters: clean out leaves and debris blocking and holding water.
- Bird baths: clean and change the water every five to seven days.
- Wading pools: change water regularly and turn over when not in use.
- Drainage ditches: keep open and free from debris that holds water.
- Canoes and boats: cover with a tight-fitting tarp or turn upside down.
- Tarps on woodpiles or garden equipment: remove sagging areas.
- Ornamental ponds: stock with small fish.
- Puddles and wet or soggy areas: drain or backfill.
- Standing water on your property: treat with a larvicide.

For more information on how to protect yourself from mosquitoes, call the Fairfax County Health Department at 703-246-2300 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite.



